**Anti-leprosy measures in Orissa**

1735. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken anti-leprosy measures in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the anti-leprosy drive launched in Orissa so far; and

(c) the number of people in that State who have been benefited under the anti-leprosy programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The following district have been brought under Multi-Drug therapy of NLEP:—

1. Balasore
2. Cuttack
3. Dhenkanal
4. Ganjam
5. Mayurbhanj
6. Puri
7. Sambalpur

(ii) It has also been decided to take up four more districts under MDT in Orissa i.e. Bolangir, Korraput, Phulbani and Sundargarh. The Government of Orissa have been requested to prepare these districts for MDT by creating necessary infrastructure, establishment of District Leprosy Societies etc.

(iii) Orissa has repealed the Lepers Act 1898. The Health Education activities and training facilities to staff under NLEP has been intensified.

(c) Upto the end of February 1989: 1,87,071 cases have been detected; and 1,86,416 put on treatment and 2,14,609 discharged.

**Popularity of Homoeopathic Treatment**

1736. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Homoeopathy treatment is gaining popularity in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for expanding Homoeopathic medical treatment to the rural areas during the 7th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of the facilities extended in the rural areas in Orissa during that plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Homoeopathy is already a recognised system of treatment which is finding wider acceptability in the rural areas of the country.

(b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has established 6 Clinical Research Units in Tribal areas during the 7th Five Year Plan in addition 16 tribal Units already established during the 6th Five Year Plan in different parts of the country where Homoeopathic treatment is also being provided to the people of the area at their door steps. The Central Research Institute (H), Kottayam and Clinical Research Unit, Puri have also been providing medical care to the rural areas in their periphery as by-way of research. In the meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare held in February 1989 it was resolved that the State Government must optimally utilise the services of practitioners of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in primary health care and family Welfare. The council in its meeting has also resolved that there should be separate directorate for homoeopathy in each State.

(c) To the extent the Central Government are concerned one Clinical Research Unit (Tribal) has been established by the CCRH at Sambalpur during the 7th Five Year Plan period. Be-

sides this, there is another Clinical Research Unit (Tribal) at Jeypore and a clinical Research Unit (H) at Puri which were established during the 6th Five Year Plan. All these Units are providing Homoeopathic treatment to the rural/tribal population around these places.

**Demands submitted by the All India Health Employees and Workers Federation**

1737. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Health Employees and Workers Federation has submitted certain demands to Government in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of the demands submitted by them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement those demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A list of the demands of Federation may be seen in the Statement. (*See* below). These demands could be considered by the Government only if the federation is duly recognised under the rules framed by the Department of Personnel and Training.

**Statement**

*Demands*

1. Recognition of the Confederation.
2. Withdrawal of all black rules including Hospital & other Institutions Bill, 1987.
3. Hospital Patient Care Allowance to all categories of employees of Health sector w.e.f. 1-10-1986.
4. Three promotions to all health employees during their service span.
5. Similar pay for similar work.
6. Bonus at par with Railway employees.
7. Uniform allowance and washing allowance in cash at par with nursing personnels. Stitching charges be enhanced.
8. Implementation of Aanamoly Committee Report.
9. Uniform and Washing Allowance to all categories of employees of Health sector.
10. Re-structuring of Ministerial cadre.
11. Certificate|Degree course be started for different categories.
12. Regularisation of casual and adhoc employees.
13. Risk Allowance to the eligible categories.
14. Enhancement of retirement age from 58 to 60 years.
15. Relaxation of education qualification in case of departmental promotions and change of cadre.

**Package programme announced by Prime Minister**

1738. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 2056 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1988 and state what amounts have been released so far for the implementation of package programme announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986 for the economic development of West Bengal item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): A statement is enclosed. (See Appendix CL, Annexure No. 82.)

**Indo-Russian protocol for India's participation in MIR**

1739. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any protocol has been signed between Indian and Russian Space Organisations for India's participation in Soviet MIR Space Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially regarding India's role in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF